The South 40"

by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

In the coming years farmers and gardeners will need to be alert for sulfur deficiency. Our soils are naturally deficient, but when we began using phosphate treated with sulfuric acid to make super phosphate, we added more sulfur than was needed.

Recently the fertilizer industry has shifted to concentrated super phosphate, ammonium phosphates and ammonium polyphosphates. This has created a significant reduction in the amount of sulfur going to crops from this source.

This is not to sound an alarm and say everyone needs to add sulfur to their fertilization program in 1980. There is an accumulation of sulfur in the soil because of excessive sulfur application in past years and there is an annual deposit of 20 pounds of sulfur per acre from rainfall.

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Some research trails in Virginia this past summer with honeydew and crenshaw type melons will interest gardeners. Four varieties were evaluated at two locations. The varieties were Earlidew, Honey Drip, Early Hybrid, Crenshaw and Cameo.

Both Earlidew and Honey Drip are smooth-skinned, green-fleshed honeydw melons.

Both produced fruit of good flesh quality, but tend to split during periods of excess rainfall. They ripen three days after Burpee Hybrid Cantaloupe. Earlidew will slip when it is ripe while Honey Drip must be cut from the vine when the rind begins to turn yellow. Both are acceptable for home gardeners.

The Early Hybrid Crenshaw is large (6 to 9 pounds) and turns yellow when ripe. The flesh is salmon colored and is very sweet and flavorful. It doesn't produce a large number of fruit, but size compensates. This melon is probably best suited for home garden or local market where its size and quality can bring a premium price.

Cameo is a small melon, has an orange colored flesh. Its small size and mediocre quality make it a poor choice for Virginia growers.

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The preliminary 1979 hybrid corn tests are in; a publication giving complete results should be available by the end of the month.

This can be a useful tool in upgrading corn yields. It never pays to accept seed with lower yielding requirements. Use these tests to help you evaluate which seed to purchase.

There are other factors to be considered: lime requirements - have you checked the soil pH in the past 3 years? Are plant populations at 20,000 to 24,000? Is plant food requirement being met, particularly nitrogen?

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Tobacco is grown on 276,000 farms in 22 states. The crop averages 2,124 pounds per acre. 95 percent of the crop is marketed through 172 auction markets. Nationally, tobacco is the sixth largest cash crop, behind corn, soybeans, hay, wheat and cotton. The crop was worth $2.55 billion.

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PRECIPITATION:
Last Week
This Month
This Year

ACHS Christmas Concert

The Appomattox County High School Music Department will present a concert of Christmas music on Sunday, December 16, 1979 at 3:00 p.m. There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Choral music will be presented by the high school Madrigalists directed by Shelby Shelton and the concert band directed by Frank Coffey will perform a variety of Christmas music. The concert will conclude with both groups performing a medley of Christmas carols designed for audience participation. Please support the music department with your attendance.

Gets Big Gobbler!

Roger O'Brien of Route 1, Appomatox is shown above in his kitchen with a 17½ pound turkey he killed while hunting near Piney Mountain. This large gobbler had a 10-inch beard and was a handsome bird, one the hunter was proud to have bagged.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I want Simon and matchbox cars for Christmas.

I try to be a good boy. It is hard when you are 5.

Please remember to give my brother and sister some toys.

I will leave cookies and milk for you.

You leave me a surprise please.

Love,
Steven Stratton
Appomattox, Va

Appomattox, Va.
Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old.

I want an electronic basketball game and matchbox cars for Christmas. Remember to bring toys to all the good girls and boys. I hope my name is on the good list.

Look for a snack beside the chimney.

Love,
Bob Stratton

Bess Hogan Best In Creed Speaking

Bess Hogan, Charlotte Central Middle School, was the winner of the first annual Area VII Creed Speaking Contest held at Appomattox Middle School, December 6. Creed speaking is a new FFA leadership activity for first-year FFA members.

Contestants are required to recite the FFA Creed and respond to questions on the meaning of the organization's creed. Scott Heuple, Amelia Jr., was runner-up. Phyllis Gudorf, Liberty; Kevin Good, Halifax Jr.; and John Martin, Monelision Jr. finished third, fourth, and fifth respectively.

Judges were Gregory Mitchell, Rustburg Middle; Larry White, Buckingham Jr.; Mickey Davenport, Staunton River; Danny Ullrich, Crewe Jr.; and Eleanor Hoffman, Park View Jr. -all teachers of agricultural education.

Carson Talks Fire Safety To FFA

Mr. Richard Carson, representative for Fire and Safety Equipment Company of Concord, spoke to Senior FFA members during the regular monthly meeting last week. His topic was fire safety in the home.

Mr. Carson discussed various aspects of general home fire protection including the need for adequate warning devices, fire extinguishers and proper planning before a fire happens. He stressed that proper planning by family members concerning escape routes, early warnings of fire methods of notifying fire departments and fire control plans could avert a fire tragedy.

Mr. Carson's speech was one part of the FFA chapter's continuing program emphasizing safety in school, community and home settings.

Classified Ads Get Results

Zion Baptist Church

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the east of Jerusalem.

You are cordially invited to attend regular preaching service to be held at the Zion Baptist Church, Sunday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. The pastor will be the speaker for the hour. Rev. Charles Lewis from Amherst, Va.

The Pastor Aid met Wed. night at 7 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wesley. The president, Mrs. Susie Hunter called the meeting to order. Mr. Frank Johnson our recording secretary. Our chaplain, Mrs. Nannie Johnson was in charge of the devotions. The minutes were read, received and adopted. Roll was called. Dues were very good. The pastor aid was very happy to have 6 more new members to join our club. Mrs. Sarah Pennick, Mrs. Genecter Walker, Mr. Jessee Lee Walker, Mr. Bernard Wesley. Our officers were elected. All the officers remained except our vice president, Mrs. Magonila Frakin resigned. Our newly elected vice president, Mrs. Sarah Pennick. After the special business was taken care of our meeting was adjourned. We will meet again in March.

The Ladies Aid of the Zion Baptist Church met Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at the church. Mrs. Wiggin, our president called the meeting to order. Mrs. Alma Robertson, our recording secretary, reading the minutes. Our chaplain, Mrs. Etta Edwards was in charge of the devotions. The minutes were read, received and adopted. Dues were taken. Our committee chairman, Mrs. Etta Edwards made her report on the program on the Ladies in White. She thanked each and everyone for helping make our program a success.

Mrs. Sarah Pennick and Mrs. Susie Hunter were appointed to be in charge of our Christmas boxes for our sick and shut-in. Each member and person wishing to give something to the sick and shut-in can leave it at Mrs. Sarah Pennick's house . The closing day is the 4th Sunday in Dec.

The Aid was happy to have Mrs. Hannah Rice with us, she gave a brief talk and some very helpful remarks. Also happy to have Miss Lillie Holcomb, also Mrs. Mattie Singerton, Mrs. Magnolia Wallace was present after being in the hospital for sometime. We will meet with Miss Barbara Hunter for our January meeting. Our meeting was adjourned.

Our sick is slowly improving. Mrs. G. W. Wiggins and Mrs. Nannie Johnson were appointed our program chairmen for next year. Mrs. Magnolia Franklin is happy to have her daughter, Mattie from New York to spend sometime with her.

Mr. Rodney Allen will have a concert at the Zion Baptist Church Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. We are praying for our sick and shut-in.

Susie Ann Hunter

HERO Chapter Has Own "Classroom Kwiz"

The Appomattox Hero Chapter had its own Classroom Kwiz at their December 5 meeting. There were two eliminations and one championship game.

The championship game contestants were Barbara Miller, Vinnie Hubbard, Wilsie Cobbs and Fannie Calloway, Gloria Cashwell, Clara Jackson. The winners were Fannie Calloway, Gloria Cashwell, and Clara Jackson. All championship contestants received gifts for their participation.

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OBITUARIES

Lavonya O. Miller

Lavonya Otevia Miller, of Route 1, Concord, died Wednesday morning, Dec. 5, 1979, in her residence.

Born in Lynchburg, she was an infant daughter of Larry Spencer and Miss Eula O. Miller.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her paternal grandparents, Lewis Spencer and Mrs. Moselle Spencer of Lynchburg, and her maternal grandparents, Harry Miller and Mrs. Eunice Miller of Concord.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday from Pilot Mountain Church Cemetery by the Rev. L. E. Rankins.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Raymond B. Archer Sr.

Raymond Bentley Archer Sr., 59, died Wednesday morning, Dec. 5, 1979, in McGuire Veteran's Hospital, Richmond. He was the husband of Louise Thompson Archer.

Born in Portsmouth, he was a son of John Millard and Mary Barker Archer. He was a retired civil service employee and an Army veteran of World War II.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons, Raymond B. Archer Jr., John E. Archer and William E. Archer, all of Speed Spring, and Ronald C. Archer of Lynchburg; a daughter, Mrs. Deborah A. Fanney of Appomattox; a brother, Linwood Archer of Portsmouth, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Siverston of Chesapeake and Mrs. Lorraine Wood of Portsmouth and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday from Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, by the Rev. R. D. Bray with burial in Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Martha Elizabeth Abbitt

Martha Elizabeth Abbitt, 76, formerly of 1207 Agustus St., Bluefield, Va., died Saturday morning, Nov. 24, 1979, in a Waynesboro Community Hospital in Waynesboro, Va., following a short illness.

Born in Appomattox, Va., she was the daughter of the late Charles North and Annie Fleshman Abbitt.

Miss Abbitt was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bluefield.

Survivors include one niece, Mrs. Warren K. (Grace) Radcliffe Jr. of Downingtown, Pa.

Graveside rites were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1979, at 11 a.m. from the Monte Vista Park Cemetery with Rev. Donald McNair officiating.

Mrs. Stephen B. Beasley

Rebecca Jane Beasley of Appomattox died unexpectedly in her home Monday, Dec. 3, 1979.

She is survived by her loving husband, Stephen B. Beasely; two daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Manning of East Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Mary Davis of Victorville, Calif.; four sons, Thomas Beasley, William Alexander Beasley and Stephen F. Beasley, all of East Orange, N. J., and Sgt. Ivan Beasley of Germany; two sisters, Mrs. Carsue Burton and Mrs. Margaret O'Jon, both of New York City; Mrs. Mamie Jones of Rhode Island, and Mrs. Mary Ann Evans of Appomattox, and a brother, Warden Haskins of Buckingham.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Friday in Springfield Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were by West Funeral Home, Appomattox.

L. D. Franklin

Lloyd DeWitt Franklin, of Prospect, died at the Southside Community Hospital on Monday, Dec. 10.

Born in Prince Edward County November 27, 1917, he was the son of the late William Harrison Franklin and Virginia Franklin.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Franklin; four brothers, Robert, Jesse, and Calvin Franklin, all of Prospect and Ed Franklin of Appomattox; and four sisters, Mrs. Marjorie Franklin and Mrs. Emma Hodge, both of Evergreen, and Miss Thelma Franklin and Mrs. Louise Goin, both of Prospect.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Prospect United Methodist Church, with the Reverend Dorsey Howard officiating. Interment was held in the church cemetery.

Shorter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Chestnut Grove

Kenneth and Randy Cook of Prospect spemnt the weekend with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beasley of Roanoke spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley Sr. of Dillwyn and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Branch of Buckingham.

Mrs. John Meek of Virginia Beach is visiting her mother Mrs. Charlie Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Watson were visiors in the same home on Sunday.

Little Steve Morris had surgery at a Lynchburg Hospital last week. He is at home doing fine.

Mrs. Bill Senger was hostess to the Woman's Missionary meeting on Friday night.

Mr. Russell L. Harris, Johnie M. Harris and Aaron vivited Mr. and Mrs. H. Flood Harris at Green Bay Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tolbert and Mrs. Bill Senger were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hicks and Mrs. Gilbert's brother, all of Richmond.

Frank Blackwell of Richmond is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris.

Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and Kemper were Friday visitors of Mrs. Mildred Magri of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Becky Bowling of Dillwyn was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ryan attended the Fork Conference last week in Staunton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass visited Mrs. Janie Repass at Heritage Hall in Blackstone Sunday.

Mrs. Bobn Bryan was hostesses to the homemakers club meeting and Christmas party Monday at her home.

Frank Blackwell of Richmond and Claud Morris of Dillwin were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris.

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SOCIAL NOTES

Mrs. Charles Hoffman of Milford, Ohio is spending some time with Mrs. W. M. Morris.

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Mrs. E. B. Hunt and her daughter, Mrs. Betty Brooke, of Roanoke were guests of Mrs. Helene Harvey during the week end.

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Mrs. W. S. Gills is a patient in a Lynchburg hospital for surgery.

Oakville News

Apologies to Mrs. Harriet Cunningham, who was also made a life member of U.M.W. of Mt. Comfort Church. Her name was not on the list in paper last week.

Friendseekers Class of Mt. Comfort Church held its annual Christmas dinner at Maude's Restaurant Sunday night.

The Young Adult Class went to the Peaks of Otter Lodge for its Christmas dinner Sunday. There were 12 in attendance.

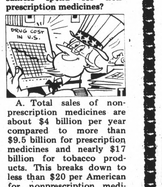
Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Martin spent the weekend with Mrs. Marshall Martin.

Mrs. Buddy Wilcox who had a virus last week is doing O.K. now.

NEWS OF HEALTH

*Answers about Health and Medicines from the Proprietary Association.**

Q. How much do consumers spend for nonprescription medicines?



A. Total sales of nonprescription medicines are about $4 billion per year compared to more than $9.5 billion for prescription medicines and nearly $17 billion for tobacco products. This breaks down to less than $20 per American for nonprescription medicines per year, as compared to $44 for prescription drugs and $77 for tobacco products. In the 11 years between 1967 and 1978, the consumer price index for nonprescription medicines increased only 57 points. This compares to 117 points for medical care and 93 points for all items in the index. Nonprescription products are good medicine for inflation as well as everyday health problems.

*Washington Trade Association for the makers of nonprescription medicines.

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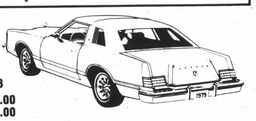

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